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PRESS RELEASE

On the evening of 6/27/2005 the Zion Police Department Tactical Unit, working in conjunction with the Bureau of Alcohol Tobacco Firearms and Explosives Gangs North (ATF) and Waukegan's Neighborhood Enforcement Team (NET) arrested 3 subjects on Gunrunning and multiple Unlawful Use of Weapons felony charges.

The arrest is a culmination of a complex investigation with street gang connections. In custody at this time are:

Eric I.Sagado / 19 years of age / Kenosha, WI

Charged with:

Gunrunning

Unlawful use of weapons (machine gun)

Unlawful use of weapons (sawed –off shotgun)

Unlawful use of weapons (5 rifles)

James T. Davison / 20 years of age / Winthrop Harbor, IL

Charged with:

Gunrunning

Unlawful use of weapons (sawed-off shotgun)

Unlawful use of weapons (5-rifles)

Joseph R. Ruiz / 19 years of age / Zion, IL

Charged with:

Gunrunning

Unlawful use of weapons (sawed-off shotgun)

Unlawful use of weapons (5-rifles)

Undercover agents of the operational team met with the alleged street gang members and arranged a weapons exchange. The defendants offered 5 rifles and a sawed-off shotgun in trade for pistols and an automatic weapon. The 5 rifles offered in the sting were reported stolen in Kenosha, WI. The subjects were arrested without incident.

Salgado received a \$200,000.00 cash bond / Davison and Ruiz are being held on A \$10,000.00 cash bond respectively. All defendants were remanded to the custody of the Lake County Jail Facility pending trial. Charges are currently under review and may be upgraded to Federal charges in the near future.